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**BILL DRAFT 2011-LH-179 [v.4] (03/14)**

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Short Title:    Transfer Evidence Warehouse to DPS.

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Sponsors:        .

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE WAREHOUSE FORMERLY OPERATED BY THE LAW  
ENFORCEMENT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION AND ITS CONTENTS FROM THE  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND TO  
ASSIGN THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE STORAGE AND MANAGEMENT OF  
EVIDENCE HOUSED IN THE WAREHOUSE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
SAFETY.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.**        Section 19.1.(cc) of S.L. 2011-145 is repealed.

**SECTION 2.**        The evidence warehouse that was operated by the Law  
Enforcement Support Services Division of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety  
prior to January 1, 2012, is transferred to the Office of External Affairs in the Department of  
Public Safety. All State-owned personal property located in or associated with the warehouse  
and all evidence of any type, including rape kits, located in the warehouse are reallocated to the  
Office of External Affairs in the Department of Public Safety. The warehouse shall be known  
as the "Victim Services Warehouse." The Department of Public Safety shall assume any lease  
to which the warehouse is subject at the time this section becomes effective.

**SECTION 3.**        G.S. 143B-600(a)(7) reads as rewritten:

"(7)    The Office of External Affairs, which shall be responsible for federal and  
State liaison activities, victim services, the Victim Services Warehouse and  
the storage and management of evidence and other contents housed in the  
warehouse, and public affairs."

**SECTION 4.**        G.S. 143B-601 is amended by adding the following new  
subdivisions to read:

"(12) To provide central storage and management of evidence according to the  
provisions of Article 13 of Chapter 15A of the General Statutes and create  
and maintain a data bank of statewide storage locations of postconviction  
evidence or other similar programs.

(13) To provide central storage and management of rape kits according to the  
federal Violence Against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization  
Act of 2005 with specific protections against release of names of victims  
providing anonymous or 'Jane Doe' rape kits without victim consent.

(14) To provide for the storage and management of evidence."

**SECTION 5.**        This act is effective when it becomes law.

